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**Applicant:** Maxwell, et al. )  
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**Serial No.:** 10/709,378 )  
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**Filing Date:** April 30, 2004 )  
**Entitled:** SEAL CARTRIDGE FOR AN INDUSTRIAL  
                                  SLIDING BLADE DAMPER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

April 15, 2005

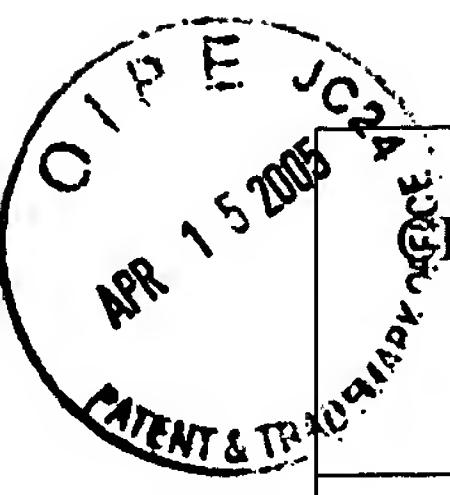
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Dear Sirs:

Prior to the commencement of examination please amend the application as follows:

Attached is a sheet containing Figures 11a, 11b and 11c of the application. Figure 11a was omitted from the original filing. Please note that the material contained in Figure 11a does not represent new matter and is described in detail in paragraph [0033] of the application, in addition to being merely another view at a different angle of the object shown in Figures 11b and 11c, and in other figures.

**Please note that this is not a response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application, dated 2/2/05.** The Applicant has chosen not to respond to the Notice of Omitted Item(s), thereby maintaining the original filing date as the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, or 4/30/2004. Because the Applicant believes that the omitted drawing does not represent new matter and is fully described in the specification, the Applicant has chosen to amend the application to include the



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